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LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	11-7
TUESDAY	11-7
WEDNESDAY	11-7
THURSDAY	11-7
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	10-1
SUNDAY	CLOSED

STILL GOING STRONG FOR 100 YEARS

New Year? First year or 100 years! The Ellington Farman Library is excited to be celebrating their 100th anniversary this year and we hope you will come to the library to enjoy this year of celebration with us. Later in the year we will have a historical display and lot's of things to remind us of 100 years. For now I'd like to offer you the following short synopsis of our history in the town so you can have a point of reference.

The library received its Certification of Incorporation from the State of New York in January 1922. The first location was a tiny one room building on West Main Street. The building once housed the law office of Theodore Case and was donated by Lucy Case and Cora Hill. Following renovations, the library opened on August 12, 1925 with Miss Grace Farman as the first librarian.

The library joined the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System on October 22, 1960. In September 1972 the library moved to the former Ellington Grange Building on the Town Square, previously the Bailey and Son Dry Goods Store. Volunteers completed most of the required renovations. After nearly 30 years at that location, it became evident that this building no longer suited the needs of the library, and a search began for a new location. On October 8, 2003 the Board of Trustees took over ownership of the former Lock, Stock, and Barrel Country Store located on the corner of the Town Square, previously the Red and White Grocery Store and the Eigenbroadt Grocery and Hardware Store. Moving to the new location took place in April 2004, and in May 2004 the library re-opened to the public. Here we are still!

A lot of things have happened in 100 years. Just for fun let's compare a few prices of common goods from 1925. A gallon of gas cost 22 cents and if you were lucky enough to own a Model T Ford you paid about \$260. Speaking of cars, the Maxwell Motor Company was founded in 1904, but in 1925 it was reorganized into what is now Chrysler. I'm sure those companies never would have imagined a vehicle running on electric! A loaf of bread cost 9 cents and a dozen eggs was 55 cents. The average household income was \$5,249. Remember, though, that this is right before the great depression hit.

What was happening in the sports world? In 1925, The Victoria Cougars won the Stanley Cup over the Montreal Canadiens (3 games to 1). The Kezar Stadium in California opened as the first home of the San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders, Who won the 1925 World Series? The Pittsburgh Pirates won, beating the Washington Senators (4 games to 3) If you had bet on Flying Ebony to win the Kentucky Derby you would have made a lot of money. Helen Wills Moody was the winner of the US Women's National Tennis Championship.

The crossword puzzle fad was so popular that the Chicago Department of Public Health had to study it and came to the conclusion that it "caused no ill health effects from headaches or eye strain". Whew! So glad they studied that!

In 1925 the Jazz Age was in full swing. It was the year Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington made their first recordings. The Phantom of the Opera opened at movie theaters. People danced the Charleston and read a new novel called The Great Gatsby.

On February 21, 1925, The New Yorker Magazine debuted. It was founded by Harold Ross, one of the original members of the Algonquin Round Table, and his first wife, Jane Grant, a reporter for The New York Times.

My wish is that our library will be doing things that 100 years from now people will still be talking about. Wishing you all a great 2025 and hope to see you in the library!



The Ellington Farman Library Board of Trustees meets on the last Monday of each month in our Library Community Room. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The Public is welcome to attend. Agenda & documents to be discussed at the monthly meeting can be requested from the library 24 hours prior to the open meeting at which the documents will be discussed

**NEXT MEETING IS
JANUARY 27, 2025.**

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

JAMIE FORD
MELISSA DE LA CRUZ
LEISHA KELLY
KATHERINE NEVILLE
STUART TURTON

LOVE & OTHER CONSOLATION PRIZES

ALEX AND ELIZA
KATIE'S DREAM
THE EIGHT
THE 7 1/2 DEATHS OF EVELYN
HARDCASTLE

SUZY KRAUSE
RICHARD PRICE
ANDREWS & WILSON
ALLISON PATAKI
BEATRIZ WILLIAMS

I THINK WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE
LAZARUS MAN
TOM CLANCY- DEFENSE PROTOCOL
FINDING MARGARET FULLER
THE AUTHOR'S GUIDE TO MURDER

ADULT NON FICTION

CREATIVE HOMEOWNER
FAMILY CIRCLE

ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PLUMBING
EASY SWEATERS: KNIT & CROCHET
PROJECTS
HOME KNITS
100 KNITTING PROJECTS
ULTIMATE GUIDE TO WIRING

SUSS COUSINS
JEAN LEINHAUSER
CHARLES BYERS

JUNIOR FICTION

MICHAEL P. SPRADLIN
ERIN HUNTER
DAV PILKEY

RISE OF THE SPIDER
WARRIERS: STAR
BIG JIM BEGINS

CHILDRENS

MERCER MAYER
BERKELEY BREATHED
MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SERIES
MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SERIES

JUST GO TO BED
GOODNIGHT OPUS
ELECTRIC STORM
AMAZING MAGNETISM

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING MAGAZINES FOR CHECKOUT

CONSUMER REPORTS
NYS CONSERVATIONIST
AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING
MCCALL'S QUILTING
DEER & DEER HUNTING
WOOD

THERE IS ALSO A FREE BASKET WITH MAGAZINES YOU MAY
TAKE & KEEP

Are you an "out of the box" thinker? Do you have an idea concerning a class or program you think our patrons would like? How about an activity you'd like to see offered at the library? Can you teach a class or give a talk about a topic? Do you belong to or have ties to an organization that does community service? We want to hear from you! Call the library and ask to speak to the director with your idea. We're always open to hearing and considering new programming ideas. Call 716-287-2945.



ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In January they meet on the 16th As of this writing the club has not chosen their next book choice. The library will post it on Facebook. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome.

A Little Library Trivia Game!

Our November question was: Presidential candidate Andrew Jarrett uses the slogan "Make America Great Again" in "The Parable of the Talents," a 1998 dystopian novel by what sci-fi author? The answer was Octavia E. Butler. Congratulations to Brionia Raj who answered correctly and won a set of holiday hand towels that have "Joy" embroidered on them.

In February we will start our Trivia game again only this time all the questions will have to do with events, authors or books that happened in 1925. This is in celebration of our 100th Anniversary as a library in Ellington! You'll have to hit the history books for these questions!

PLANTS AVAILABLE TO BE ADOPTED!

We have a few plants in our Plant Cutting Swap Station that are ready to be adopted! There are three Spider Plants and one Wandering Jew that have sprouted some good solid roots. One patron brought us some cuttings from his grandmothers Christmas cactus that still need a few weeks before they are ready to hand out. This project is still a work in progress. We welcome anyone wishing to help. We could use bags of potting soil, little clay pots, books on houseplants or someone to research the types of plants and how to care for them. **Let's grow something together!**

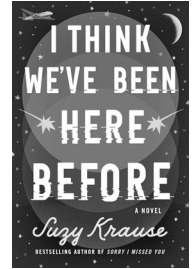
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BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: I THINK WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE BY SUZY KRAUSE

GENRES; CONTEMPORARY, SCIENCE FICTION, LITERARY FICTION

With the end of the world predicted, reality bends in an unexpectedly quirky and heartwarming novel about human connection and the meaning of life and death by the bestselling author of Sorry I Missed You.



In the same week, Marlen and Hilda's family receives two significant pieces of news: One, Marlen has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Two, a cosmic blast is set to render humanity extinct within a matter of months. It seems the coming Christmas on their Saskatchewan farm could be everyone's last.

Preparing for the inevitable, they navigate the time they have left together. Marlen and Hilda channel their energy into improbably prophetic works of art. Hilda's elderly father receives a longed-for visitor from his past. Hilda's preteen nephew goes missing, and his mother refuses to believe the world is ending. All the while, Hilda's daughter struggles to find her way home from Berlin with the help of an oddly familiar stranger. For everyone, there's an unsettling feeling that this unprecedented reality is somehow something they all remember.

As the planet holds its collective breath to see what happens next, the family—amid chaos, denial, acceptance, and hope—determines to live every moment as if it is their last. Because, well, it just might be.

Book review online <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/198190462-i-think-we-ve-been-here-before>
310 pages Published December 1, 2024

JUNIOR FICTION: RISE OF THE SPIDER; BY MICHAEL P. SPRADLIN BOOK #1 OF THE WEB OF THE SPIDER SERIES

Witness the chilling rise of Hitler's Germany through the eyes of a twelve-year-old boy in this first book in the action-packed middle grade series Web of the Spider for fans of I Survived and A Night Divided.

1929, Heroldsberg, Germany. Rolf might only be twelve years old, but he's old enough to know that things have not been good in his country since the end of the Great War. Half of Germany is out of work, and a new political movement is taking hold that scares him. Every night, Rolf's father and older brother, Romer, have increasingly heated arguments about politics at the dinner table. And when two members of the new Nazi Party, Hans and Nils, move to town as part of the Hitler Youth, Rolf is uneasy to see how enamored Romer is by their promises of bringing Germany to glory.

Rolf doesn't trust Hans and Nils for a moment. For all their talk of greatness, they act more like bullies, antagonizing shop owners who are Rolf's friends and neighbors. Yet Romer becomes increasingly obsessed with their message of division, and Rolf watches in horror as his family fractures even further.

When there is an act of vandalism against a Jewish-owned business in town, Rolf fears Romer might have had something to do with it. Can Rolf find a way to intervene before things get any worse?

"1930's Germany leaps off the page. An important book for kids to learn about the rise of evil."

– T. Jefferson Parker, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Rescue, 1000 Steps* and *Silent Joe*.

"A thoughtful reflection...on the rise of evil that will have readers drawing parallels to the current political climate."

– *Publishers Weekly*

"The setting and historical events have been well researched, and the book would work as a tie-in with a history curriculum. In addition, the prose is appealing and accessible to struggling and reluctant readers. VERDICT An accessible introduction to social and political events in Germany during the time leading up to World War II."

– *School Library Journal*

Published September 24, 2024, Length: 160 pages, Ages: 8 - 12

<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Rise-of-the-Spider/Michael-P-Spradlin/The-Web-of-the-Spider>

JANUARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**sewers
crafters
& quilters**
JAN 6 & 20

MEETING ON THE 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS
OF THE MONTH 11AM-1PM
Bring your "works in progress" and enjoy
crafting with friends!

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

**CHAIR
YOGA**

FOR SENIORS
AND BEGINNERS


**EVERY
MON. & WED.**

Starting January 2024
**NEW TIME
4-5pm**

NO YOGA MATS NEEDED
GENTLE YOGA EXERCISES
ALL ADULTS WELCOME




**Resistance Band
SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES**



**THURSDAYS IN JANUARY
1:30-2:30PM**

Ellington Farman Library

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED CLASS FOR ADULTS
RESISTANCE BANDS PROVIDED OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN

MIDDAY MUSINGS



EVERY WED. 1-2PM *New!*
Community Room will be Open **STARTING
JANUARY 3**


Enjoy the company of your neighbors & friends!
We'll provide drinks and snacks are welcome

**WE'RE NOT
COMPLETE
WITHOUT YOU**




**A COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT AT
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
COMING JANUARY 2025
STOP IN THE LIBRARY FOR DETAILS**

**THE
WHITE HOUSE
INSIDE STORY**



**Tuesday Jan. 14th
6-7:30pm**

Through beautiful images and archival film,
this illustrious building is opened as never before.
Experience the history,
the grandeur and the intimacy
of life inside
The White House

 **PBS**
FREE DOCUMENTARY SHOWING
ELLINGTON LIBRARY
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

BOOK CLUB

ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY

**MEETS
THURSDAY
THURS JAN 16**

The book choice will be announced on
Facebook. The library gets copies for
everyone if needed.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



**COME OUT
and PLAY!**

MAGNETS FUN
GIANT BLOCKS & BALLS
DINOSAUR BONES
SHAPES PLAYTIME
AND MORE!

ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY
From 11am-noon

Age appropriate special play
items for those aged 3-7

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
WHO WILL STAY WITH THEM
AT ALL TIMES

EACH SESSION WILL
HAVE A DIFFERENT
PLAY ITEM AVAILABLE

**BREAKFAST
POTLUCK**

SAT. JANUARY 25
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

Coffee is on at 8am
Serving POTLUCK at 8:30am
Bring a breakfast food to share or just come
and enjoy meeting with your
neighbors & friends

**NO RESERVATIONS
JUST COME GATHER AT THE LIBRARY
STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!**



WE'RE NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU": A Collaborative Art Project

Attention Everybody! Please join us for a collaborative art project! You don't have to be an artist of any kind to participate. Join other Ellington Library patrons in creating a large 48 piece wall puzzle (24"x36") to be displayed in the library. Stop by the circulation Desk, starting in January to claim a blank puzzle piece and decorate that piece in a way that represents you as an individual. Limited pieces are available; one piece per person to start depending on the amount we have sign up. For adults and juniors aged 11 and up. We may try another puzzle project with the younger children sometime during the summer. Please do not lose your piece as we would have a hard time finishing the project without you and your puzzle piece. Our plan is to assemble the finished puzzle sometime in March 2025. It will be mounted on a board and hung in our Community Room. This is comparable to everyone making a square to be assembled later into a quilt. Everyone decorates a piece of the puzzle and we assemble it into one big puzzle! Pieces may be picked up beginning the first week in January and we'll give a deadline of them being returned by the first week in March.

There are some Rules:

- For adults and juniors aged 11 and up.
- You may paint/Sharpie, decoupage, attach 3D embellishments, etc., but do not decorate the edges or alter the shape of the piece.

That's it! Let's create together!

OPENINGS FOR OUR DISPLAY CASE

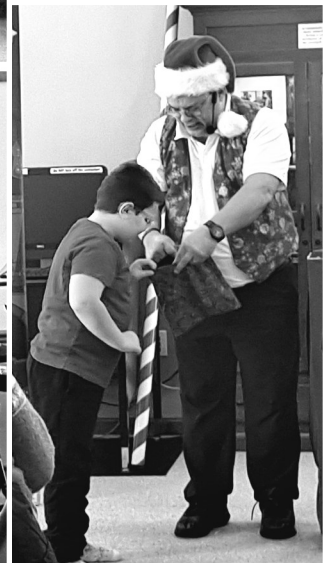
We like to give local/regional artists & collectors a place to display their work. If you have, or know anyone who has, artwork or a collection they would like to have displayed in our Community Room display case please call the library at 716-287-2945 and ask to speak with the director.

ITEMS NOT TO PUT IN OUR OUTDOOR BOOK SLOT

- Oversized books
- Magazines
- Book Donations
- Money to pay fines

Thank You!

AROUND THE LIBRARY

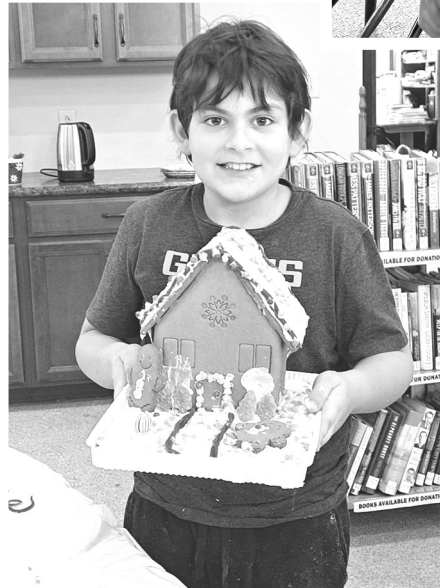
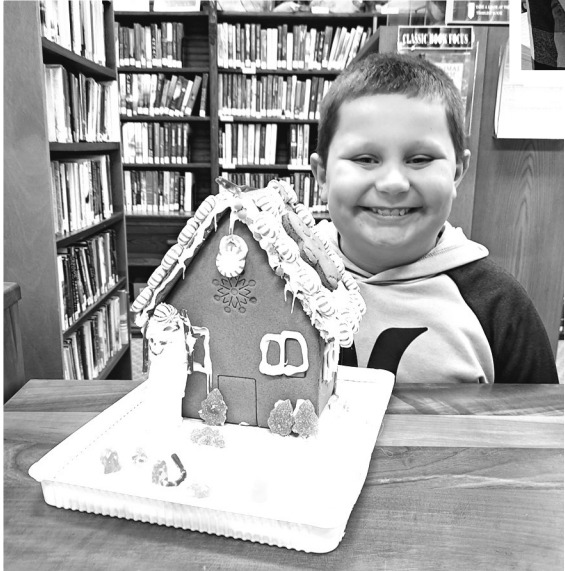


CRIS JOHNSON, THE MAGICIAN, PERFORMED IN DECEMBER AND HAD QUITE A FEW YOUNG HELPERS FROM THE AUDIENCE! A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE.

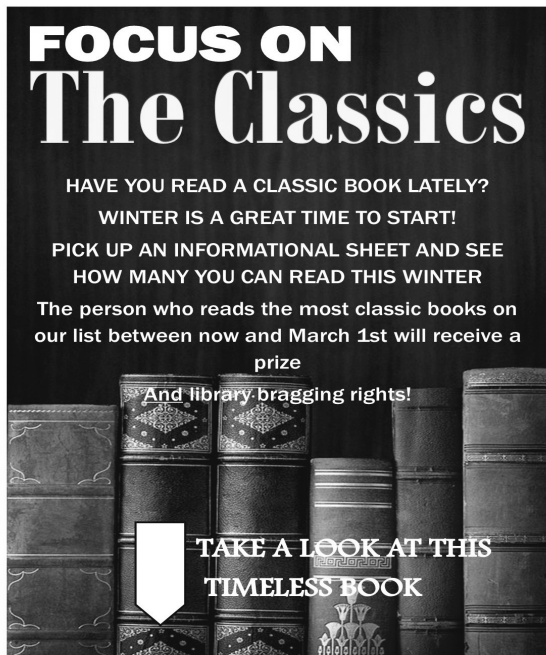


AROUND THE LIBRARY

Some pictures from the Gingerbread House Decorating Program we held in November. This program was funded from the Falconer Region Community Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Everyone got to go home with a house they decorated themselves.. What a fun time!



WINTER- TIME TO CURL UP
WITH A GREAT CLASSIC!



**FOCUS ON
The Classics**

HAVE YOU READ A CLASSIC BOOK LATELY?
WINTER IS A GREAT TIME TO START!
PICK UP AN INFORMATIONAL SHEET AND SEE
HOW MANY YOU CAN READ THIS WINTER

The person who reads the most classic books on
our list between now and March 1st will receive a
prize
And library bragging rights!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
TIMELESS BOOK

FOCUS CLASSIC CHOICE THIS MONTH FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS BY ERNEST HEMINGWAY

In 1937 Ernest Hemingway traveled to Spain to cover the civil war there for the North American Newspaper Alliance. Three years later he completed the greatest novel to emerge from "the good fight," *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. The story of Robert Jordan, a young American in the International Brigades attached to an antifascist guerilla unit in the mountains of Spain, it tells of loyalty and courage, love and defeat, and the tragic death of an ideal. In his portrayal of Jordan's love for the beautiful Maria and his superb account of El Sordo's last stand, in his brilliant travesty of *La Pasionaria* and his unwillingness to believe in blind faith, Hemingway surpasses his achievement in *The Sun Also Rises* and *A Farewell to Arms* to create a work at once rare and beautiful, strong and brutal, compassionate, moving and wise. "If the function of a writer is to reveal reality," Maxwell Perkins wrote to Hemingway after reading the manuscript, "no one ever so completely performed it." Greater in power, broader in scope, and more intensely emotional than any of the author's previous works, it stands as one of the best war novels of all time.

Book review by https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/46170.For_Whom_the_Bell_Tolls

AUTHOR FOCUS

Ernest Miller Hemingway was an American novelist, short-story writer and journalist. Best known for an economical, understated style that significantly influenced later 20th-century writers, he is often romanticized for his adventurous lifestyle, and outspoken and blunt public image. Most of Hemingway's works were published between the mid-1920s and mid-1950s, including seven novels, six short-story collections and two non-fiction works. His writings have become classics of American literature; he was awarded the 1954 Nobel Prize in Literature, while three of his novels, four short-story collections and three nonfiction works were published posthumously.

Hemingway was raised in Oak Park, Illinois. After high school, he spent six months as a cub reporter for The Kansas City Star before enlisting in the Red Cross. He served as an ambulance driver on the Italian Front in World War I and was seriously wounded in 1918. His wartime experiences formed the basis for his 1929 novel *A Farewell to Arms*. He married Hadley Richardson in 1921, the first of four wives. They moved to Paris where he worked as a foreign correspondent for the Toronto Star and fell under the influence of the modernist writers and artists of the 1920s' "Lost Generation" expatriate community. His debut novel *The Sun Also Rises* was published in 1926. He divorced Richardson in 1927 and married Pauline Pfeiffer. They divorced after he returned from the Spanish Civil War, where he had worked as a journalist and which formed the basis for his 1940 novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Martha Gellhorn became his third wife in 1940. He and Gellhorn separated after he met Mary Welsh Hemingway in London during World War II. Hemingway was present with Allied troops as a journalist at the Normandy landings and the liberation of Paris. He maintained permanent residences in Key West, Florida, in the 1930s and in Cuba in the 1940s and 1950s. On a 1954 trip to Africa, he was seriously injured in two plane accidents on successive days, leaving him in pain and ill health for much of the rest of his life. In 1959, he bought a house in Ketchum, Idaho, where, in mid-1961, he died of suicide.

NEW PROGRAM JUST FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & CAREGIVERS

Starting January 21, every third Tuesday of the month at 11am will be designated "Come Out & Play". It's a time for young children and their adults to come and explore a different activity every month. Our library will be receiving young children's resource items every month that will engage, entertain and be perfect for interactive activities between caregivers and their young children. Monthly themes like magnets, exploring shapes, building a dinosaur, playing with giant blocks and others are sure to produce a fun and educational playtime. Caregivers must stay with their children as this is not a structured program rather it is a playtime that is set aside just for you! Come out to the library and play every third Tuesday of the month.

KEEP INFORMED OF LIBRARY EVENTS BY FOLLOWING
US ON FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE:



ellingtonlibrary.org

Call the library if you are not sure if a program
requires registration to
attend. 716-287-2945

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY</p>			<p>1 LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>2 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 11– 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga</p>	<p>9 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 4-5pm Yoga</p>	<p>14 6-7:30pm Documentary: White House: The Inside Story</p>	<p>15 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga</p>	<p>16 11am-12 Book Club 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 LIBRARY CLOSED Martin Luther King Day</p>	<p>21 11am Come Out & Play! <i>Young children's special Playtime</i></p>	<p>22 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga</p>	<p>23 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8-10am Potluck Breakfast</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 4-5pm Yoga 7pm board meets</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga</p>	<p>30 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band</p>	<p>31</p>	